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## Holmes Junior College

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1925 - 1975

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**The**  
**Holmes Junior College Story**  
**of**  
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# Foreword

In order to compile as authentic an account of the history of Holmes Junior College as is possible, the factual events, dates, accomplishments, trials, and tribulations have been taken from the following sources:

1. **The Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Holmes County Agricultural High School**, Gray Book No. 1, March, 1913— February, 1928.
2. **The Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Holmes Agricultural High School and Junior College**, Gray Book No. 2, February, 1928— June, 1961.
3. **The Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Holmes Agricultural High School and Junior College**, Red Book No. 2, July, 1961— November, 1970
4. **The Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Holmes Junior College**, Red Book No. 3, November 19, 1970—
5. **Holmes County Agricultural High School and Junior College Bulletins**, 1925-44; 1946-66.
6. **Holmes Junior College Bulletins** — 1966-1975
7. **The Cornerstone**, 1929, 1930, 1931; 1938, 1939, 1940
8. **Horizons**, 1941, 1942; 1947-75
9. Materials concerning the land acquisitions were documented from the Land Deed Records of Holmes County, Mississippi, in the Chancery Clerk's Office, Lexington, Mississippi, by Mrs. Elaine Ellington, Chancery Clerk.
10. Information relative to the Boards of Supervisors was obtained from the offices of the Chancery Clerks in the counties comprising the Holmes Junior College District.
11. Information relative to the Boards of Education was obtained from the offices of the Superintendents of Education in the counties comprising the Holmes Junior College District.



12. Figures on enrollments were obtained from the Registrar's Office, Holmes Junior College, and from the State Department of Education.
13. Statistical records are from the Business Office and files of the presidents of Holmes Junior College.
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  - Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Allen
  - Mr. Frank B. Branch
  - Mrs. Mable Tate Donald (Mrs. John C. Donald)
  - Mrs. Allein Waits Douglas (Mrs. Howard Douglas)
  - Mr. and Mrs. Billie Montague
  - Mr. Marion A. Ousley
  - Mr. Ernest W. Wilson
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# The Holmes Junior College Story

The story of Holmes Junior College, Goodman, Mississippi, dates back to 1910, when plans were made for the establishment of Holmes County Agricultural High School, the doors of which were opened to students of Holmes County in September, 1911.

There was much deliberation over where the school was to be located, but the matter was settled when Mr. J. M. Kimbrough, Holmes County Superintendent of Education and the Board of Education of Holmes County composed of Mr. G. H. Love, Mr. R. L. Smith, Mr. J. D. Weeks, Mr. J. U. Sheehy, and Mr. Ira Jones received the following letter: \*

September 10, 1910

To the Honorable Superintendent of Education and Board of Education of Holmes County, Mississippi.

We, the citizens of Goodman and vicinity desire to make the following proposition for the location of Holmes County Agricultural High School at Goodman, Mississippi, to-wit:

The school building now owned by the town of Goodman and the one (or larger) acre lot on which the building is located all valued at \$8,000.00

40 acres of land 1,200.00

Cash 2,000.00

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\$11,200.00

Also free water from our artesian well.

Signed,  
C. F. Nelson and Son  
W. R. Ellis

Guaranteed by  
W. L. Simmons  
President Bank of Goodman

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\*Copy of original letter is in Holmes Junior College lock box at Holmes County Bank and Trust Company, Goodman, Mississippi.



This proposition was accepted, and the Board of Trustees composed of J. M. Kimbrough, President, J. M. Tate, and H. H. Elmore, Secretary, bought between January 30, 1911, and February 16, 1911, three parcels of land amounting to approximately forty-two acres\* on the west side of Goodman for location of Holmes County Agricultural High School. Thirty-seven and one-half acres were bought from Mr. J. M. Tate for \$800.00; the amounts paid for the lesser plots are not recorded.

On June 1, 1911, Mr. James W. Sargent was elected principal of the school, and by September the Board of Trustees had two dormitories (one for girls; one for boys) built and ready for school to begin. The girls' dormitory also housed the dining room and kitchen and quarters for the principal. Classes were conducted in the Goodman School Building. Grounds were landscaped, fifty fruit trees set out, and garden plots for teaching of agriculture and supplying the dormitory tables were begun. Swine and cows were bought. The usual high school subjects of the time were taught.

Mr. G. H. Love was elected to serve as superintendent, beginning August 1, 1913, at a salary of \$1,300.00 for twelve months, and Mrs. Love was elected matron at a salary of \$400.00. Mrs. Love had the additional duties of planning and supervising the preparation of meals for the boarding students.

Enrollment increased, and in the fall of 1914 Mr. Wirt A. Williams was elected as principal under Mr. Love. Miss Nina Rainer and Mr. Floyd Cunningham were also added to the faculty at salaries of \$60.00 and \$65.00 per month respectively for nine months. Mr. W. H. Alderman was elected as manual training and agriculture teacher that year also.

In 1914, Mr. T. G. Stephenson was appointed to the Board of Trustees to replace Mr. J. M. Tate who had resigned.

In the fall of 1915, the Superintendent and the Board of Trustees realized that increasing enrollment would necessitate more classroom space than the Goodman School Building afforded and began plans for a building for classes nearer the dormitories.

In February, 1916, the Holmes County Board of Supervisors composed of Mr. D. H. Hobbs, Mr. H. C. McLellan, Mr. P. H. Zeigler, Mr. J. H. Hargraves, and Mr. Ira Jones voted to authorize a \$25,000 bond issue for the purpose of building a new school building and to buy several plots of land. The Board of Trustees, Mr. J. M. Kimbrough, Mr. J. W. Nelson, and Dr. A. J. Newman, employed W. G. Googin as contractor; and the first part of the

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\*See Land Deed Record of Holmes County, Mississippi, in Chancery Clerk's office, Bk. 27, p. 242, January 25, 1911.

Bk. 27, p. 243, January 30, 1911.

Bk. 27, p. 244, February 16, 1911.



present administration building was completed and furnished by the fall of 1916. All class operations of the high school were moved to the administration building, allowing the grammar school full occupancy of the Goodman School Building for its increased enrollment.

The faculty of 1917 was composed of Mr. G. H. Love, Superintendent, Mrs. G. H. Love, Matron; Mr. Wirt A. Williams, Principal, Mrs. Wirt A. Williams (nee Miss Nina Rainer), English; Mrs. Marietta Eichelburger, Home Science; Miss Charlotte Nelson, Music and Elocution; and Mr. W. H. Alderman, Manual Training.

In the fall of 1917, the Ladies Book Club of Goodman placed at the disposal of Mr. Love a scholarship to be awarded to some worthy girl in Holmes County. This scholarship was awarded for many years.

In October, 1918, the Board of Trustees applied for and secured federal aid in order to add vocational agriculture to the program of work offered. Also in October, 1918, the school was forced to close for three weeks because of an influenza epidemic, necessitating having school on Saturday for fifteen weeks in order to make up the time lost during the epidemic.

At the close of the 1918-19 session, Mr. G. H. Love resigned to run for the position of Holmes County Superintendent of Education, and Mr. Wirt A. Williams was elected as Superintendent of Holmes County Agricultural High School, his term beginning August 1, 1919.

In March, 1919, the Board of Trustees voted to assess student fees as follows: tuition for Holmes County boarding students \$5.00 per session; tuition for students from other counties \$2.00 per month; tuition for day students \$2.00 per session. They also voted to increase the pay for student labor from ten to twelve and one-half cents per hour.

When Mr. Williams became superintendent, he and the faculty began to formulate rules and regulations which would govern all facets of student and teacher behavior and establish procedures of an administrative nature. It is to be remembered that the students were high school students; and as such, most had never been from under strict parental control.

Some of the regulations are as follows:

"Boys shall be allowed to go to town only on Tuesdays after school hours and on Saturday afternoons.

Girls may go to town with a chaperon on Monday and Friday afternoons after school. Only thirty minutes after arriving in town will be allowed for shopping on Monday and Friday afternoons.

No student shall be excused from Sunday School or from morning preaching service without a legitimate excuse.

Girls who go to church on Sunday nights shall be required to go in a body chaperoned by **one** teacher. They shall not be allowed to go in separate crowds chaperoned by different teachers. The teacher chaperoning is to be in the lead going to church and in the rear returning.



Teachers must inspect all rooms before going to breakfast, and must be in stated places to supervise students who shall march in line to classes. Teachers have been assigned places in the buildings and shall impose discipline in the classrooms, on the campus, and elsewhere as occasions may demand.

The bugle for evening study hour shall be blown at 6:30 p. m. Study hour shall close at 9:00 p. m. No student shall be allowed to go to another student's room during this time; nor shall any student be allowed in the buildings at any time during recess periods or the noon hour."\*

"Teachers may be absent from the campus only one week end each six weeks to visit families and friends, and then only when scheduled duties will permit."\*

In 1920, the number of the members of the board of trustees was increased from three to five, one trustee to be selected from each beat in the county. The trustees as of March, 1920, were: G. H. Love, President; T. G. Stephenson; Dr. A. M. Phillips; J. U. Sheehy; and W. J. Nelson, Secretary.

In September, 1920, the Board of Trustees instructed Mr. Williams to hire Mr. Bennett A. McBride as coach of the football team for the 1920-21 session at a salary of \$100.00 per month for the football season. Until that time the men on the faculty had assumed coaching duties among themselves, but that year none knew how to coach.

In 1921, Mr. F. J. Hubbard, State Director of Vocational Training, visited Holmes County Agricultural High School and upon completing his inspection, commended Mr. Williams and the Board of Trustees for the excellent caliber of work being done.

A commercial department was opened in the fall of 1922. To the English, science, history, mathematics, agriculture, home science, music, expression, and voice courses being taught, Mr. Williams also added physical culture for girls.

By 1922, the state legislature made it legal for agricultural high schools to add two years of college work (one year at a time) if facilities, faculty, and course offerings met the standards required by the State Department of Education. In June of that year the Board of Trustees instructed Mr. Williams to get all information available from the senior colleges in the state concerning curriculum and academic requirements for faculty, and from the State Department of Education all other necessary data for the adding of one year of college work. This he did, and the next year they went about fulfilling as many requirements as possible.

In April of 1923, Mr. Williams tendered his resignation to the board effective as of July 1, 1923, (which they accepted with sincere regret) to take a position in the Leland, Mississippi, schools for several years. He was

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\*Minutes of Faculty Meetings 1920-22.



then made Head of the History Department at Delta Teachers College at Cleveland, Mississippi, which he occupied until his death.

### **Mr. M. E. Morehead, President, 1925-1928**

Mr. M. E. Morehead was elected to succeed Mr. Williams on July 1, 1923, and served until May 31, 1928. Plans continued for the addition of college work. In May, 1925, on motion made by Mr. E. L. Hines and seconded by Mr. T. G. Stephenson, the board unanimously voted to drop ninth grade high school work effective the 1925-26 session (if so approved), and to add the first year of college work.

The 1925-26 Bulletin of Holmes County Agricultural High School and Junior College and the minutes of the Board of Trustees list the faculty as follows: Mr. M. E. Morehead, A. B., Superintendent; Mr. L. C. Graves, B. S., Mathematics; Mr. E. W. Waugh, Jr., A. B., M. A., History; Mr. S. J. Robinson, Jr., B. S., Agriculture and Science; Miss Madge Spiva, A. B., English; Miss Louise McGinty, A. B., Modern Languages; Miss Ethel Marley, A. B., Home Economics; Miss Emily Overton, B. S., Commercial Work; Mrs. T. J. Donald, Music; and Mrs. M. E. Morehead, Matron.

The high school curriculum offered ten required units and twenty-one elective units from which students could choose at least six more, totaling the sixteen units required for graduation. The college work offered this first year included six hours of English, five hours of mathematics, six hours of history; six hours of French or Spanish; two hours of economics; two hours of sociology; six hours of home economics; three hours of stenography and typing; and three hours of bookkeeping and wholesale accountancy.\*

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\*Bulletin, 1925, p. 25-28.



The letter which follows is self-explanatory:

(COPY)\*

**State of Mississippi  
Department of Education  
Jackson, Miss.**

June 4, 1925.

Supt. M. E. Morehead,  
Goodman, Miss.

My dear Sir:

After having met with your Board of Trustees and discussed the proposed Junior College work in the Holmes County Agricultural High School at Goodman, Mississippi, after having gone into the plan of organization with you fully, we wish to say we heartily endorse your movement and approve your plans for the work. The State Department of Education hereby approves your school for full credits of the Freshman College work for the session of 1925-26, the work to be done according to the requirements of the Commission of the State Association of Mississippi Colleges and the Laws of the State governing same.

Yours sincerely,  
W. F. Bond, State Supt. Education,

Claude Bennett,  
Secretary, State Accrediting Commission.

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\*Holmes County Agricultural High School Bulletin, 1925, p. 12.



Three main buildings— the Administration Building, the Girls' Dormitory, and the Boys' Dormitory— were brick buildings equipped with the modern conveniences of steam heat, electric lights, running water, and screening. The equipment in all departments was modern and adequate.\*

The farm acres furnished an effective laboratory for the teaching of agriculture as well as providing vegetables at all times of the year, feed crops, and grazing; a herd of registered Jersey cattle (begun in 1921 with the purchase of four Jersey cows for \$900.00) furnished milk for the school and with a modern dairy barn enabled students to have practical work in dairying; the poultry department, with a flock of White Leghorns of the Ferris strain, furnished eggs and meat for the dormitory as well as providing a laboratory for teaching poultry production; a two-acre orchard furnished fruit for eating and canning in addition to supplying work in horticulture; and extension services in terracing land, locating ditches, testing seeds and milk, pruning and spraying orchards, vaccinating and inoculating animals were offered free to the farmers except for the transportation of those from the college who did the work.\*\*

All of the work of the school and farm was done by the students. Besides the practical work in agriculture required by the state, students might work extra time, for which they were paid at the rate of twelve and one-half cents per hour. Several regular jobs were open to boys and girls who wished to earn part of their expenses. The cost of board was \$12.50 per month.\*\*\*

The school had teams in all major sports, and students were required to conform to all requirements of the State Literary and Athletic Association of which it was a member.\*\*\*\*

The 1926-27 session brought changes in the faculty as some instructors resigned to work on their Master's degrees or were able to secure more remunerative positions.

The faculty with salaries for 1926-27 included Mr. M. E. Morehead, Superintendent— \$3,000 per year; Miss Madge Spiva, English— \$150.00 per month; Mr. T. J. Shepard, History— \$2,000 per year; Mr. C. E. McCall, Mathematics— \$1,800 per year; Mr. D. M. Eason, Agriculture— \$175.00 per month; Miss Louise McGinty, Foreign Languages— \$125.00 per month; Miss Nan Lou Wood, Home Science— \$125.00 per month; Miss Mary Lou Barr, Commercial work— \$125.00 per month; and Mrs. M. E. Morehead, Matron— \$1,200 per year. Teachers paid by the month were contracted for nine months.

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\* Bulletin, 1925, p. 13.

\*\* Bulletin, 1925, pp. 15, 16.

\*\*\* Bulletin, 1925, p. 16.

\*\*\*\* Bulletin, 1925, p. 23.



On January 27, 1927, Mr. Morehead reported to the Board of Trustees that twenty students were enrolled in college work; that there were 151 students enrolled from Holmes, Carroll, and Grenada counties; and that one hundred students were taking commercial classes. Twenty-seven of the 151 students were residents of Goodman. At this time Mr. Morehead also produced transcripts of work done by the members of the 1925-26 Holmes freshman college class who had transferred to Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College and to the University of Mississippi. These transcripts showed every student who had transferred was doing very creditable work at those senior colleges.\*

Upon the apparent success of the first year college program, Mr. Morehead was instructed by the board to proceed with plans for adding the second year of junior college work.

In order to have classroom space for the sophomore classes, it was deemed necessary to make an addition to the Administration Building. The Holmes County Board of Supervisors was invited to meet with the Board of Trustees on May 12, 1927, and encouraged the board to pursue their plans.

Upon approval of Mr. Claude Bennett, representing the State High School and College Department, the Board of Trustees awarded the bid for the addition to the Administration Building to Neal P. Drennan for \$12,659.50 for the complete job, to be completed for the beginning of the 1927-28 session; and permission was granted by the Board of Trustees for Mr. Morehead to make preparations for the second year of college work in the fall of 1927.

The faculty for the 1927-28 session was upgraded to include three instructors with M. A. Degrees and three who were doing graduate work in their teaching fields. Enrollment increased.

In October, 1927, the addition to the Administration Building was accepted as satisfactory and was occupied. At the same meeting Trustees T. G. Stephenson, Dr. A. M. Phillips and W. J. Nelson offered their resignations effective January, 1928. In December Mr. E. L. Hines also resigned effective January, 1928. In January Dr. A. M. Phillips was re-elected to the board and the following new members: W. R. Ellis, President; J. M. Tate, E. S. Stigler, P. H. Williams, and Martin Smith.

On May 9, 1928, Mr. Claude Bennett from the state department visited the school, and after an inspection thereof, it was ordered by the Board of Trustees that the school prepare to offer the second year of college work during the session of 1928-29.

On May 24, 1928, Dr. H. G. Harrell from Millsaps College, and Professor M. Latimer from Mississippi College— members of the Mississippi Junior

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\*Files of the President, 1927-28.



College Accrediting Commission— visited the campus as guests of the Board of Trustees. They inspected the buildings and premises and made the following recommendations:

1. More equipment for science, library, and office;
2. New roofs on all buildings;
3. Steam heat in Boys' Dormitory;
4. The construction of a gymnasium;
5. Cooperation of other counties in support of the school.

The 1928 Trustees were: W. R. Ellis, President, J. M. Tate, Dr. A. M. Phillips, E. S. Stigler, P. H. Williams. In July, Martin Smith replaced E. S. Stigler. In 1930, C. G. Bennett from Carroll County became a trustee by virtue of Carroll County's support of the school.

In the spring of 1928, Mr. Morehead resigned to take another position. The Board of Trustees made a careful search for a man who they thought could meet the many challenges facing the superintendent of a budding institution. They found such a man in Mr. M. C. McDaniel and elected him to succeed Mr. Morehead June 1, 1928.

#### **Mr. M. C. McDaniel, President, 1928-40**

Mr. McDaniel had graduated from State Teachers College in 1915, and he had taught in Itawamba County one year and in Jones County two years. He had then served two years in the Quartermaster Division of the United States Navy. He obtained the B. A. Degree with special honors from Mississippi College in 1921 and in 1931 received the M. A. Degree from that institution. In the fall of 1921, he began teaching at the Agricultural High School and Junior College at Poplarville where he worked two years. He then taught at Clarke College four years. The year 1927-28, Mr. McDaniel had taught at Mississippi College.

When Mr. McDaniel succeeded Mr. M. E. Morehead as superintendent on June 1, 1928, he faced many difficulties: the country was entering its worst depression; the physical plant needed repair and expansion; the faculty had to be upgraded; a new building was needed immediately; and the second year of college work was to be offered.

By September 4, 1928, through a loan of \$15,000 from the Holmes County Board of Supervisors, all necessary repairs had been made, needed equipment was on hand, outstanding bills had been paid, and school was ready to open with the following faculty: M. C. McDaniel, Superintendent; T. A. Oliphant, Science, Education, and Dean of Men; O. D. Burke, Agriculture; Miss Jessie Van Osdel, English; Miss Fleta Whitaker, Home Economics; Mrs. C. N. Craig, History and Political Science; Miss Mary Joe Shields, Modern Languages; Mrs. T. A. Oliphant, Elementary Education and Librarian; Ray Hartness, Mathematics and Coach; Miss Lucille Gray,



Commercial Subjects; Mrs. J. T. Donald, Music; Mrs. Shelton Knight, Expression; and Mrs. C. W. Conerly, Matron.

In November, 1928, the Board of Trustees voted to allot \$4,000 for the materials to build a gymnasium. The boys and faculty men gave their labor, and by mid-winter a gymnasium was in use.

During the first school year under Mr. McDaniel's leadership, the first school newspaper was published under the name of **The Growl**. It was so named because the Holmes athletic teams had decided to be called the Holmes Bulldogs. In the same year, the first Holmes annual was published under the name of **The Cornerstone**. Because of the great economic depression of the early 1930's, publication was discontinued from 1932-37. It was published under that name until 1941, when the name was changed to **Horizons**.

In September, 1929, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors voted to aid in the support of the junior college with the assessment of a quarter of a mill on the assessed valuation of Carroll County.

In October, 1929, a bond issue of \$125,000 from Holmes County enabled the superintendent and board of trustees to proceed with plans for a building and improvement program which would meet requirements set up by the Junior College Accrediting Commission for a standard two-year college. The buildings and improvements included in this effort were:

1. New dormitory for boys to be located east of Administration Building.
2. Auditorium Annex to west side of Administration Building.
3. Agriculture Cottage to be west of Auditorium Annex.
4. Present Boys' Dormitory to be remodeled into dining hall and teachers' quarters.
5. Home Science Cottage.
6. Renovation of present Girls' Dormitory.
7. Superintendent's Home.
8. Proper equipment for those facilities.

The faculty for 1929-30 showed some changes and additions as follows:

M. C. McDaniel, Superintendent; J. B. Price, Mathematics and Chemistry; O. D. Burke, Agriculture; Miss Jessie Van Osdel, English; Mr. N. C. Craig, History and Education; Miss Lucille Gray, Commercial Subjects; Ras M. Branch, Biology and Coach; Miss Lucille McDaniel, English and Expression; Miss Lottie Peebles, Home Economics; Miss Johnnie Lou Williamson, Languages and Physical Education; John G. Leonard, Band Director; Mrs. O. D. Burke, Librarian; Miss Mabel Gewin, History and Music; Mrs. J. T. Donald, Music; Mrs. M. C. McDaniel, Dean of Girls; and Mrs. C. W. Conerly, Dietitian.

1929-30 saw the library (located on the second floor of the Administration Building) grow to 2300 volumes. A band was organized under



the leadership of Professor Leonard, the band director from Millsaps College. The literary societies, organized when Mr. Morehead was superintendent, flourished. The first Glee Club was organized by Miss Mabel Gewin (later Mrs. J. O. Harris).

Teachers and students were not allowed to visit home or elsewhere oftener than once every six weeks. Student labor was now raised from twelve and one-half cents to fifteen cents per hour. Attendance at Sunday School and morning church services was compulsory.

The course of study for agricultural high schools was a state adopted course. There were required subjects in each year and electives which were generally vocational. Sixteen units were required for graduation, and graduates were admitted to all colleges without examinations.

The college curriculum was expanded to offer forty-six semester hours of required work and seventy semester hours of elective work from which to complete the sixty-four hours required for graduation. Fifty-four hours of work other than commercial, expression, music, and physical education were required for a diploma.

All requirements of the educational authorities of the state and senior colleges were being met so that full credit was given for Holmes Junior College work in every college in the state.

From 1930 to 1950 the Holmes County Federation of Women's Clubs offered one whole or two half scholarships to worthy girls preferably from rural sections of Holmes County. Applicants were judged on the basis of moral character and scholarship and were chosen by Holmes County Federated Clubs.

In July, 1930, the Board of Trustees authorized the digging of a deep well for the school, which had been advocated for several years by Dr. A. M. Phillips, a board member. Dr. Phillips was ordered to select the site of the well. In 1933, the trustees ordered a permanent marker erected to show the site of the well which was officially named the A. M. Phillips Well. This well is still in operation today.

The bids for the buildings, renovations, and improvements were let in August, 1930, with J. M. Spain, architect, and Keeton and Fairley, General Contractors. The work was to proceed at all haste. These plans for building and improvements would meet all the requirements set up by the Junior College Accrediting Commission except that of a home for the president. In order to fulfill that requirement, on September 19, 1930, the Board of Trustees voted to buy the W. L. Ellis property\* adjacent to the college

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\* Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Holmes Junior College, Gray Book II, p. 32.

\* Land Deed Book No. 44, pp. 327 and 488.

\* Land Deed Book No. 45, p. 418, Office of Holmes County Chancery Clerk, Lexington, Mississippi.



grounds for the sum of \$4,000 cash upon which was a residence which with repair and improvement has served as a home for the president since that time.

On February 23, 1931, the Board of Trustees inspected all work included in the building program and found it to be satisfactory and done as to contract. The work was accepted and the contractors paid in full. These additions and facilities put Holmes Junior College on a par with the other junior college plants in the state.

The faculty of 1931-32 brought in Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Everett, Dean and Education; Miss Sallie Jones (later Mrs. Billie Montague), Librarian; Mr. I. C. New, Chemistry and Mathematics; Mrs. I. C. New, English; Mr. Billie Montague, Mathematics and History; Mr. H. C. Lewis, Bookkeeper; Miss Annie Bess Watkins, Expression; Mr. R. W. Almond, Agriculture; Dr. W. O. Mabry of Goodman, College Physician; Mrs. C. N. Craig, Adviser of Girls; and Mrs. Susie Rodgers, Dietitian.

The entire faculty was re-elected for the 1932-33 session, but Mrs. G. J. Everett was made Hostess in the Boys' Dormitory and Mrs. R. W. Almond replaced Mrs. C. N. Craig as Adviser of Girls.

In the 1932-33 session, Holmes Junior College awarded four kinds of diplomas: the regular diploma which allowed a student to transfer sixty-four semester hours of college work to a senior college; the Music Diploma, the Expression Diploma, and the Commercial Diploma, all of which required sixty-four hours of work for graduation, all transferable.

It is appropriate at this time to make a statement of the memberships held and the accreditation status of Holmes Agricultural High School and Junior College. The high school had achieved accreditation from the Mississippi State Department of Education in 1920. In 1925, the college was authorized by the Mississippi State Department of Education to offer as accredited work the first year of college work. In 1926 Holmes Junior College became a member of the Mississippi Association of Colleges; in 1928, it acquired membership in the Mississippi Junior College Literary and Athletic Association. The high school department was accredited by and admitted to membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1930, and four years later in 1934, the college was admitted as a full-fledged member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and became a member of the American Association of Junior Colleges.

In 1932, the Board of Trustees were: W. R. Ellis, President; C. G. Campbell, Dr. A. M. Phillips, J. T. Skelton, P. H. Williams of Holmes County, and G. C. Bennett of Carroll County. In 1934, Dr. Phillips died and was replaced by B. W. Humphrey.

In 1933, the Board of Trustees decided and so voted that henceforth the head of Holmes Agricultural High School and Junior College should be known as and should carry the title of **President** instead of **Superintendent**.



The only new member added to the faculty in 1932-33 was John T. Caldwell to teach social science and band. The faculty of 1932-33 was re-elected as a whole, and in 1933-34, Mr. J. O. Harris, Miss Margaret Shields, Miss Edith Thaxton, and Miss Kathleen Richards were employed. In 1935-36, Miss Orlene Ellis, Mr. F. W. Gamblin, Miss Ida Hickman, and Miss Harriett McMorrough were added. The 1936-37 faculty was elected as it was in 1935-36, but Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Fugitt, social science; Mr. Frank B. Branch, Coach; Mr. W. G. Skipworth, Band; Mrs. J. B. Guthrie, Nurse; and Miss Allie Ward Billingsley, Modern Languages, were added for the 1936-37 term.

Realizing that Holmes Junior College, its faculty, and its students were laying a foundation of principles and tradition which affected them deeply and would affect thousands of students yet to come, three dedicated instructors in 1934 decided that the college should have an **Alma Mater**. That year Miss Jessie Van Osdel, head of the English Department, portrayed the spirit of the student body and of the school in writing the inspiring words for the song; Miss Mabel Gewin (later Mrs. J. O. Harris), Head of the Music Department, and Mr. John Caldwell (now Chancellor of North Carolina State University), Director of the Band, collaborated in composing the dignified and moving music for the **Alma Mater**\*.

In 1934, the gymnasium was brick veneered.

In 1936, with \$15,000 from the Works Progress Administration, a new football field and track were made, complete with lights and seats and enclosed with an eight-foot chain link fence. On October 16, 1936, Mr. W. R. Ellis, President of the Board of Trustees of Holmes Agricultural High School and Junior College, presided at ceremonies dedicating the new athletic facility. Miss Dorothy McBee, Secretary of the board, was appointed to dedicate the field as **Ras M. Branch Field** in honor of Coach Ras M. Branch.

In 1937, Mr. Stanley F. Allen was employed as business manager for the college and Mr. Albert Tidwell as assistant in Vocational Agriculture.

In early September, 1938, the school lost the services of one of its oldest and staunchest friends. Mr. W. R. Ellis, President of the Board of Trustees for ten years, resigned because of the press of personal business and on the advice of his physicians.

Mr. G. H. McMorrough, who had been attorney for the Board of Trustees, was appointed to fill this vacancy and was then elected by the board to serve as president of that body, September 15, 1938. The other trustees at this time were Mr. E. L. Hines, Mr. J. T. Skelton, Mr. B. W. Humphrey, Mr. C. G. Campbell, Miss Dorothy McBee, all of Holmes County, and Mr. L. H. Fowler, of Carroll County.

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\*Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Harris, Tupelo, Mississippi, 1975.



In January, 1939, Mr. B. M. Jones replaced Mr. C. G. Campbell.

In April, 1939, the Board of Trustees voted to allow dances on the campus of Holmes Junior College. Regulations regarding the dances were as follows: Dances may be held twice a month during the regular session (excluding summer school). The dances shall be held under supervision of a person designated by the president of the college, who shall have at least two chaperons in attendance at each dance. In the absence of other recreational activities available to students in the community, this move was heralded with much enthusiasm by the student body and faculty as well.

In 1939, bricks from the old Goodman ice house were bought to veneer the front of a newly-built band hall, which was placed behind the auditorium in a landscaped amphitheatre. Many programs of varying kinds were given in the spring, summer, and early fall on the outdoor stage of the band hall, with the audience seated in folding chairs on the floor of the amphitheatre and with overflow crowds seated on the ground of the sloping sides. Trellises of beautiful wisteria shaded the walks from the roadway down to the dual entrances to the band hall.

The faculty and yearly salaries for 1939-40 listed M. C. McDaniel, President—\$3,000; G. J. Everett, Dean and Education—\$1,350; S. F. Allen, Business Manager—\$1,800; Ras M. Branch, Coach and Biology—\$2,400; and Frank B. Branch, Coach and History—\$1,350. Instructors: Mrs. S. F. Allen (nee Harriett McMorrough)—\$810; Allie Ward Billingsley—\$1,080; T. J. Gibson—\$1,350; Evelyn Henderson—\$810; Ida Hickman—\$675; Mr. and Mrs. Billie Montague—\$1,080 each; Mr. and Mrs. I. C. New—\$1,325 and \$450 respectively; Lottie Peebles—\$1,125; Wilna Rigby—\$855; W. C. Skipworth—\$450; Santa Tackett—\$1,125; Edith Thaxton—\$1,125; Lloyd Thomas—\$1,500; A. L. Tidwell—\$1,440; Martha Turner—\$1,035; Jessie Van Osdel—\$1,125; and Sally Wilson—\$675. Hostesses were Mrs. G. H. Everett—\$50 and Mrs. J. G. Guthrie—\$500. Mrs. William Montgomery was secretary to the president, \$900, and Mrs. Bernice Rodgers was dietitian — \$720.

In 1925, the first year college work was offered, the institution under Mr. M. E. Morehead had a faculty of nine, only two of whom had Master's Degrees; a student body of one hundred ten boarding students; a plant of three main buildings—the Administration Building, the Girls' Dormitory, and the Boys' Dormitory; adequate laboratories for agriculture, home science, and general sciences; a well equipped commercial department; and a small one-room library of limited but appropriate books and periodicals. The cost of board and room was \$12.50 per month; two literary societies flourished. All work at the college was done by students who were paid twelve and one-half cents per hour. The college was accredited by the Mississippi Association of Colleges in 1926. It became a member of the Mississippi Junior College Literary and Athletic Association in 1928.

By the spring of 1940 under the leadership of President M. C. McDaniel,



the faculty and staff numbered twenty-seven persons, thirteen with Master's Degrees and two others to receive Master's Degrees in the summer. The second year of college work had been offered since the fall of 1928. A building program providing a new boys' dormitory, the addition of the auditorium to the west side of the Administration Building, the Agriculture Building, renovation of the old Boys' Dormitory into a dining hall and quarters for teachers, the Home Economics Cottage, renovation of the Girls' Dormitory, and the brick veneered gymnasium with hardwood floor. A home for the president had been bought and improved, and a fine football field put the Holmes Junior College plant on an equal with any other junior college campus in the state. The valuation of the school had increased from \$100,000 to \$300,000.

The school farm of eighty acres was used to grow vegetables and to furnish an effective laboratory for the teaching of agriculture. Registered herds of dairy cattle and swine furnished milk and pork for the dining hall, and a well-conducted poultry department was maintained.

Enrollment had increased remarkably: there were 80 high school students; 168 college students; 128 sophomore students, and five special students. The summer school enrollment had risen to 93 students.

The curriculum was expanded from two years of general college work to seven special interest groups: Group I, for those expecting to continue for a B. A. or B. S. in the professional work of law, medicine, engineering, pharmacy, ministry, and dentistry; Group II, Agriculture; Group III, Home Economics; Group IV, Business and Commerce; Group V, Music; Group VI, Expression and Dramatics; and Group VII, Elementary Teaching.

The library had grown from the 1,301 books and periodicals in 1928 to over 4,000 volumes in 1940. Located on the second floor of the administration building, it consisted of one main reading room and a small paper and periodical room which were well lighted, heated, and ventilated. The library also subscribed yearly to between fifty-five and sixty newspapers and magazines.

A well-rounded program of activities complemented the academic program: athletics; the band; the glee club; debating, dramatics, and international relations clubs; religious organizations; and the two school publications—**The Grawl**, the college newspaper, and **The Cornerstone**, the annual, all afforded areas of enrichment for students.

In the spring of 1940, Mr. McDaniel resigned. On June 14, 1940, the Board of Trustees resolved that as a token of appreciation to Mr. McDaniel for his outstanding services in behalf of Holmes Junior College the building known as the Administration Building, including the auditorium, be designated as the **McDaniel Building**.\*

Let it be noted here that Mr. M. C. McDaniel had performed outstanding

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\*Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Gray Book No. 2, p. 126.



services not only in the development of Holmes Junior College but also in the development of the Mississippi Junior College System. He is deemed one of the "pioneers" of the state junior college system.

Of the faculty members employed by M. C. McDaniel, the following dedicated teachers served at Holmes Junior College until their retirement: Mr. R. W. Almond, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Montague, Miss Lottie Peebles, and Miss Jessie Van Osdel. One other faculty member, Mr. Stanley F. Allen, employed in 1937, was business manager until his death in 1973. Frank B. Branch, employed in 1936, is the only faculty member of this era still employed at Holmes Junior College.

In selecting the next president of Holmes Junior College, the Board of Trustees turned to a young man who had come to the college as teacher of science and coach of athletics in 1929 after receiving the B. A. Degree from Mississippi College. Ras M. Branch had an outstanding record as a student and as an athlete. One of the three or four men in the history of Mississippi College who had at that time lettered in four sports—football, basketball, baseball, and track—he had also received numerous S. I. A. A. honors in track and had been all-conference end in football for two years.

#### **Mr. Ras M. Branch, President, 1940-January 14, 1949**

It naturally followed that Mr. Branch, with his enthusiasm, his willingness to work, and his understanding of young men and their problems, should lead the athletic teams of this school to many victories and championships during the years he served as coach.

Faithful in the performance of his teaching duties, loyal in the support of all school activities, successful as athletic director, his accomplishments developed his capacity for leadership to the extent that in July, 1940, Mr. Branch was elected by the trustees to the presidency of Holmes Junior College. In the summer of 1940, he received the M. A. Degree from the University of Alabama.

Believing in Holmes Junior College and its future, Mr. Branch worked tirelessly during his tenure of office to enlarge the physical plant and to improve and expand the curriculum to meet the growing needs.

The college was still trying to pull out of the depression years, and schools everywhere were being urged to serve the unemployed youths in whatever manner possible. President Branch took advantage of every federal program for which the college could qualify to provide training for the unemployed young men. Woodwork and auto mechanics courses were initiated under the National Youth Administration; and many young men availed themselves of these opportunities.

In January, 1941, President Branch introduced a system whereby a student could rent used textbooks for all classes from the college for \$5.00 per semester. Heretofore books had cost each student approximately



\$30.00 per semester. Students were charged for damages and losses. The plan was in effect for many years.

In May, 1941, the trustees bought the old Goodman Grammar School Building and the grounds connected with it for \$3,500. It was renovated into a dormitory to house fifty male students for an additional \$6,000. At the same time, an annex to the girls' dormitory providing space for fifty girls was built at the cost of \$8,000.\* In August, 1941, the college bought 102.83 acres of land adjoining school property from Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCrory.\*\*

In February, 1942, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Mississippi Commission for Accreditation made concurrent evaluations of Holmes Agricultural High School and Junior College. Both were found to be in excellent condition.

The years of World War II brought many changes in all schools as administrators sought to provide training beneficial to the war effort. Intensified academic and vocational courses were offered. National Defense programs included mechanical drawing, general shop, physics, photography, Red Cross, and commercial courses. The summer sessions offered many additional academic and vocational courses to meet the needs of the greatly increasing number of students.

To help in the war effort, the high school and junior college students put on a drive on the campus in 1943, which resulted in the sale of \$8,600 in War Savings Stamps and War Savings Bonds.

In 1943, the trustees voted to provide a building behind the Girls' Dormitory to house a canning plant which Mr. Branch had acquired through the State Vocational Department. Cans were furnished at cost and thousands of cans of food were processed each day. People from all the communities and schools in Holmes County came to avail themselves of this service. It proved to be a money-saver for the school also, for much produce grown in the school gardens was canned for use in the boarding department.

In 1944, new vocational training programs were initiated for veterans: cabinet making; refrigeration; radio repair; expanded commercial courses; house wiring; and elementary electricity.

Enrollments continued to increase, and all dormitories were filled with four students to the room. The new annex to the girls' dormitory and the old grammar school renovated to accommodate fifty additional male students, did not give, in addition to pre-existing facilities, enough room to house all the student body. Some students rented rooms in Goodman and in neighboring towns.

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\*Minutes of Board of Trustees, Red Book No. 1, p. 134.

\*\*Minutes of Board of Trustees, Red Book No. 1, p. 151.



A much needed facility, a laundry, was installed on the campus in 1945. It was obtained from the National Youth Administration Shop in Tupelo, Mississippi, with the only cost to the college being that of transportation and installation. Later the school bought second-hand a small dry cleaning plant to be run in conjunction with the laundry to serve only college and high school personnel. Mrs. J. H. Browning and Mrs. B. F. Lemon have served as managers of the laundry and dry cleaning plant respectively since their openings.

In April, 1946, President Branch obtained two war-time prefabricated Naval barracks buildings from the government at no cost. The state provided \$20,000 toward the construction of each building. The trustees voted to provide funds for equipping them. The larger of the buildings was converted into a dormitory, which doubled the existing space for boys; the other was made into apartments for married couples.

During the 1946-47 session, the enrollment was 474 college students and 84 high school students. Board was \$26.50 per month. The total cost per year for county (Holmes and Carroll) college students was \$262.00; the cost for out-of-county (Mississippi) college students was \$307.00.

In 1947, the old bleachers at the football field were removed and replaced by concrete ones; the two barracks buildings were brick veneered and improved to make attractive permanent buildings; a large brick-veneered block building was erected below the tennis courts to house high school classes; and a manual arts building was erected south of the new boys' dormitory.

Until 1948, books had been stored in the business office and sold or rented therefrom. However, the greater enrollment necessitated more room for books than existed in the business office. Mr. Branch had the basement of the dining hall building converted into an efficient bookstore and canteen and employed Mrs. Howard Douglas as manager of them, which position she held continuously until she retired in 1965.

The library increased to seven thousand volumes. The curriculum offered 109 separate courses in the fields of general college, pre-professional, agriculture, home economics, business and commerce, music, expression, dramatics, and teaching. The pre-engineering course and the one-year concentrated business course were new courses offered.

The members of the faculty with their yearly salaries for the 1947-48 session were as follows: Ras M. Branch, President--\$4,320; G. J. Everett, Dean and Education--\$3,000; S. F. Allen, Business Manager and Commerce--\$3,300; E. W. Wilson, Dean of Men, Mathematics, and Tennis Coach--\$3,000; C. W. Lorange, Principal of High School and Mathematics--\$3,300; Frank B. Branch, History, Athletic Director, and Coach--\$3,300; E. P. Garrett, Science and Coach--\$2,900; Mrs. R. W. Almond, High School English--\$1,620; Hellon Barlow, Commerce--\$1,620; Mrs. Frank B. Branch,



Modern Languages, English and Sponsor of **Horizons** — \$1,620; D. L. McConnell, Industrial Arts— \$3,000; S. L. McCullouch, Commerce— \$3,000; Mrs. Martha McKie, Music— \$1,710; Billie Montague, History— \$1,980; Mrs. Billie Montague, Librarian and Sponsor of **The Growl**— \$1,620; I. C. New, Chemistry and Biology— \$2,385; Mrs. I. C. New, English— \$1,620; Miss Jessie Van Osdel, English— \$1,710; Miss Lottie Peebles, Home Economist— \$1,710; Howard Morton, Band— \$2,100; Hilary O. Thomas, Agriculture— \$3,000; Emmett C. Waggoner, Mathematics— \$1,620; and Miss Emmie Lou Wells, Commerce— \$1,620; The Reverend Madison Flowers, Bible.

The members of the non-instructional staff for 1947-48 were as follows: Mrs. Mabel Bingham, Dean of Women; Mrs. W. L. Harmon, Hostess Girls' Dormitory; Mrs. Zilpha Mansell, Hostess Boys' Dormitory; Mr. J. G. Jacob, Assistant Dean of Men; Mrs. Bernice Rodgers, Dietitian; Mrs. Howard Douglas, Manager of Bookstore; Mrs. Mildred Browning, Manager of Laundry; Mrs. J. J. Beaird, Manager of Dry Cleaning Plant; Mr. B. A. McBride, Maintenance; Dr. H. M. Terry, College Physician; Mrs. David McDonald and Miss Sara Lou Blanton, Secretaries.

The plant was valued at \$750,000. Holmes County with cooperation of Carroll County and with appropriations by the state legislature provided the financial support of the college. As from the beginning, a broader financial base was badly needed.

In May, 1948, President Branch suffered a severe heart attack, and on January 14, 1949, he resigned as president of Holmes Junior College because of health reasons. His resignation was accepted by the trustees with great regret, for Mr. Branch had earned respect state-wide as a diligent, progressive administrator of the college. Holmes Junior College had made great strides in his eleven years as coach and his eight and one-half years as its president.

#### **Mr. Clarence W. Lorange, February 1, 1949 - November 29, 1955**

On February 1, 1949, the Board of Trustees, composed of G. H. McMorrough, President, B. W. Humphrey, Frank Eakin, J. T. Skelton, E. L. Hines, and L. R. Thompson of Holmes County and Miss Louise Marshall of Carroll County elected Mr. Clarence W. Lorange as president of Holmes Junior College.

Mr. Lorange held the B. A. Degree from Mississippi College and the M. A. Degree from George Peabody College. Before coming to Holmes Junior College, he had taught at Gunnison and had been superintendent at Holly Bluff for several years. Mr. Lorange was outstanding at both places. He had been at Holmes Junior College for ten years and had served as teacher of mathematics, dean of men, and principal of the high school. Through the years he had demonstrated his ability as an excellent administrator and as a fine school man.



Mr. Lorance faced the same challenges and problems which had plagued his predecessors--the maintenance of existing facilities, growth in faculty, low salaries, and need for other facilities.

The faculty for 1949-50 remained the same as in 1947-48 with the following exceptions: Frank B. Branch was made Principal of High School, teacher of History, and Basketball Coach; J. W. Patrick, Football Coach and Physical Education; B. J. Oswalt, Football and Physical Education; The Reverends G. W. Curtis and Perry C. Perkins, Bible; Mrs. Ralph Robinson, Mathematics; Miss Dorothy Thomas, Physical Education; Mr. Jack Witchem, Science; and Mrs. B. C. Messer, Secretary to the President.

In January of 1950, the college was saddened by the loss of one of its oldest and most faithful friends. Mr. J. T. Skelton, who had been a member of the Board of Trustees since July, 1932, passed away. Ras M. Branch, former president of Holmes Junior College was appointed to the Board to fill the vacancy. He is the only man to serve as president and as a member of the board of trustees of the college.

In 1950, Holmes Junior College received the sum of \$50,000 from the Mississippi Legislature under Senate Bill No. 305 for improving, building, or repairing buildings belonging to the college. The work, begun in July and completed in November, 1950, included the following:

1. The central part of the second floor of the Administration Building was remodeled to give the library more than three times its original space, with new ceiling, floor, and adequate lighting installed.

2. The Married Veterans' Building was completely renovated: the first floor was converted into facilities for the Music Department, including a small auditorium for choral practice and small recitals, four practice rooms, a voice studio, a piano studio, a large lecture room, and an office; the second floor was remodeled to house the Science Department which included large chemistry, biology, and physics laboratories with storage rooms for each and two large lecture rooms.

3. The old grammar school building was converted into six nice faculty apartments, thereby relieving the acute problem of faculty housing.

4. A new Grade A dairy barn was built to permit the handling of milk for use in the school dining room and for a laboratory for teaching that phase of dairying.

5. An addition to the Home Economics Building was constructed which allowed the complete renovation of the foods laboratory into a modern attractive facility.

6. General repairs, internal and external painting of some of the older buildings, replacing gutters, re-roofing two buildings, building essential walks, and a garage for the college bus were other improvements made under this program.



The faculty of 1950-51 remained the same as in 1949-50.

In September, 1950, the Board of Trustees requested the Board of Supervisors of Holmes County to issue and sell bonds of Holmes County in the sum of \$100,000 to build and equip a new gymnasium. This was done and by December, 1951, the building was complete.

In March, 1951, Holmes Junior College lost another great friend in the death of Mr. E. L. Hines of Tchula. His nineteen years as a member of the Board of Trustees made him the trustee with greatest length of service. In late March, 1951, Mr. Ralph L. Ray of Tchula was appointed to the Board to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Hines' death.

In 1951, Mr. E. W. Wilson was elevated to the position of Academic Dean and Guidance Director, and Mr. Hilary O. Thomas was made Dean of Men.

In 1952, the Mississippi Legislature under Senate Bill 212 allocated to Holmes Junior College \$100,000 to be used for building and repairs. The bookstore had outgrown the one-room student center under the cafeteria long ago, and the Board of Trustees and Mr. Lorance decided that a student center was the next building needed. It was built from this money on the site of the old gymnasium. It included in addition to the bookstore, the canteen, a recreation hall, and lobby and their equipment. This allocation also enabled the complete renovation of the cafeteria kitchen and the replacement of the ranges and ovens and the repair and painting of the water tank. Other smaller repairs on the campus were made.

In July, 1955, the student center was totally destroyed by fire. So great was the need of this facility that the Board of Trustees immediately asked the Board of Supervisors of Holmes County to issue and sell bonds in the sum of \$50,000 to rebuild the student center at Holmes Junior College. The new building was larger than the first, for it contained a post office facility and offices for several campus organizations in addition to the bookstore, the canteen, and a larger recreational hall and lobby. Students and faculty alike enjoyed the center run by the courteous and efficient manager, Mrs. Howard Douglas, and her assistant, Mrs. B. A. McBride.

In late November, 1955, another and greater tragedy befell the school. President C. W. Lorance suffered a severe heart attack and died November 29, in the midst of a very useful and productive life. In appreciation for his conscientious, faithful service to the school, the Board of Trustees named the new building **Lorance Center**. It was so dedicated in April, 1956, upon its completion. Mr. Lorance's tenure, like that of each president before him, was marked with the steady struggle for better things for Holmes Junior College.

**Mr. Frank B. Branch, President, December 9, 1955 - June 30, 1976**

On December 9, 1955, the Board of Trustees elected Frank B. Branch as



president. With the exception of two years when he was superintendent of schools at Ackerman, Mississippi, he had been a member of the Holmes Junior College faculty since 1936.

Mr. Branch began his teaching career at Pace, Mississippi, in 1931 after receiving his B. A. Degree from Mississippi College, where he was an outstanding athlete. He played on the basketball team which won the S.I.A.A. championship in 1928 and was named to the S.I.A.A. all-star team. At Pace, he taught history and science, coached all sports, and was principal of the high school. While there, he made an enviable record as a coach and as a school man.

It was with this background that President McDaniel hired Frank B. Branch in 1936 as teacher of history and coach at Holmes Junior College. In 1940, he received the M.A. Degree from University of Alabama; later he took additional graduate work at Mississippi State University and at the University of Mississippi.

Always eager to meet a challenge and willing to accept responsibility, Mr. Branch served in many capacities before he was made president: teacher of college history and contact man (16 years); assistant football coach (8 years); head football coach (3 years); athletic director (5 years); girls' basketball coach (12 years); boys' basketball coach (7 years); track coach; baseball coach; dean of men; and high school principal.

The members of the Board of Trustees of Holmes Junior College in 1955-56 were: Mr. G. H. McMorrough, President; Mr. Frank Eakin, Mr. Ralph L. Ray, Mr. B. W. Humphrey, Mr. Ras M. Branch, Mr. L. R. Thompson, Secretary—all of Holmes County; and Mr. Frank Lovell of Carroll County.

Having served under the three preceding presidents and having had a close relationship with all of them, Mr. Branch was aware that he faced the same serious problems as had the foregoing men; much needed repair and improvements on the campus; inadequate facilities; low faculty salaries; and a college in debt through no fault in mismanagement of school finances. To put it simply, there was not enough tax base to continue operating the school on the support from Holmes and Carroll Counties alone.

Designed originally to meet the educational needs of Holmes County students, the college had long been providing educational advantages for students from other surrounding counties. Carroll County had joined in the support of the school in 1929, but now the number of students from that county and others around Holmes County made an increased tax base absolutely necessary to the continued operation of the institution.

From 1956 to 1964, with the help and backing of the Board of Trustees and of interested alumni and friends of the college, President Branch made an unceasing effort to acquaint the people of the counties of the area with the needs of Holmes Junior College and its students and to solicit their help in financial support for the school. By 1964, seven other counties had



joined in the support of the college in the following order: Attala County, 1956; Montgomery County, 1958; Grenada County, 1959; Choctaw County, 1959; Madison County, 1961; Webster County, 1963; and Yazoo County, 1964. These counties along with Holmes and Carroll Counties participate in the support of the institution and comprise the Holmes Junior College District.

In 1956 and 1958, the Mississippi Legislature appropriated funds to be used for building, repair, and renovation in the junior colleges. Holmes Junior College received allocations of \$100,000 in 1956 and \$100,000 in 1958. The Board of Trustees decided that repairs and renovations of present facilities were of first priority. Hence, an extensive renovation and repair program was initiated in 1956 and was completed in 1960, most of the work being done during the summers of those years.

Six-inch water mains, new water lines, and proper sewer lines were installed campus-wide; and concrete walks were laid where needed. All the old buildings—Administration Building, Grenada Hall, Webster Hall, Choctaw Hall, Madison Hall, Science and Music Hall, Industrial Arts Building, Agriculture Building, Home Economics Building, and White House received extensive repairs and renovations. New roofs were put on all the aforementioned main buildings except Webster Hall, and all buildings on the campus were painted within and without; part of the west end of the Agriculture Building was converted into a cosmetology classroom and laboratory. The football field was turtle-backed, new lights installed, and the track and press box were improved. A new baseball field and practice football field were made from the hills and gullies west of Branch Stadium, and new tennis courts were built.

After having completed the most necessary repairs to the old buildings and with yearly enrollments increasing rapidly, the Board of Trustees and President Branch began long-range planning for needed new facilities. More land was needed, and the Board instructed the president to buy as he could what properties were available and suitable for that purpose. Between 1962 and 1975, President Branch was able to obtain at different intervals approximately 128 acres of land for the college, which has allowed space for expansion. However, massive land leveling was necessary for the sites of all new facilities.

During the term of Governor Paul B. Johnson, Jr., he and a group of Legislators got passed a bill, House Bill 307, later amended by House Bill 1402, which had great impact on the building programs of a large number of the junior colleges, especially Holmes Junior College.

House Bill 307, Laws of 1964, allowed a county, with the approval of its Board of Supervisors and the State Budget Commission, to withhold for projects benefiting not only the said county but also the surrounding counties up to two of the four mills of the State Ad Valorem Tax, provided the Board of Supervisors add one-quarter mill local tax for each mill



withheld. House Bill 1402 authorized the withholding of up to three mills of the State Ad Valorem Tax with the same provision.

All of the nine counties except Yazoo participated in the bond issues of the Holmes Junior College District based on House Bills 307 and 1402. As it has already obligated its State Ad Valorem taxes to other projects, Yazoo County levied a one-mill tax for a building project at Holmes Junior College on which the District borrowed \$380,000 to build Yazoo Hall. In addition Attala County levied a one-mill tax on which \$190,000 was borrowed for enlargement and improvement, and Madison County levied a one-mill tax on which \$140,000 was borrowed for the same reason.

Through the Higher Education Facilities Act, Holmes Junior College obtained the sum of \$280,241, which was used on the Business and Science-Mathematics Buildings.

With these local and federal monies and the allocations at various times from 1956 to 1975 of \$3,233,783 from the State of Mississippi, Holmes Junior College has been able to develop a physical plant which affords its students and the area which it serves some of the best facilities in the state.

The Board of Trustees and Mr. Branch followed their long-range plan to increase the facilities by constructing the following new buildings:

1961— McMorrough Library (named in honor of Mr. G. H. McMorrough, President of the Board of Trustees since 1938)

1962— Motel Dormitory for boys

1963— Carroll Cafeteria

1965— Montgomery Fine Arts Building

1966— Vocational-Technical Center

1967— Business Building

1967— Lorance Student Center (named in honor of Mr. C. W. Lorance, President of Holmes Junior College 1949-55)

1968— Yazoo Hall, dormitory of girls

1970— Addition to Auto Mechanics Shop in Vocational-Technical Center

1971— Science-Mathematics Building

1971— Madison Hall (razed to the steel framework and completely rebuilt, modernized, and air-conditioned)

1972— Attala Hall for boys

1973— Frank B. Branch Coliseum (dedicated April 21, 1973)

1975— Annex to Vocational-Technical Center

1975— New brick home for president

1975— New Library

1975— Athletic Field House

1975— Garage for college buses and vehicles

1975— Maintenance Warehouse and Shop

Between 1960 and 1975, one frame home and two frame duplexes, one brick duplex and nineteen brick single-family homes were built for faculty,



there being no homes for rent or sale in the town of Goodman or in the adjacent area for the use of faculty members.

Additions and renovations from 1961 to 1975 are as follows:

1. New deep well.
2. New lighted tennis courts.
3. Sign and marker at north entrance to campus erected.
4. Complete renovation of Administration Building: first floor into administrative offices; second floor into classrooms; both floors air-conditioned.
5. Complete renovation of Webster and Grenada Halls: old cafeteria space on first floor of Webster converted into rooms and lobby new roof on Grenada; aluminum windows, wall paneling, carpets air-conditioning installed in all rooms in both buildings.
6. Complete renovation of Goodman Grammar School Building in 1967 into up-to-date air-conditioned dormitory for boys (named Choctaw' Hall).
7. Renovation of Moody House into two apartments for faculty.
8. Conversion of old student center into Social Science Building.
9. New roofs on Gymnasium and president's home.
10. Renovation of old Science Building: first floor converted into recreation hall; second floor made into classrooms for Allied Health Services.
11. Motel Dormitory air-conditioned and Home Economics Building carpeted.
12. All the buildings erected prior to 1956 were completely refurnished. The new buildings have the most modern of furnishings and equipment. New seats and curtain were installed in the auditorium.
13. Old shop building brick veneered.
14. Repair of concrete part of stadium; installation of new bleacher seats; enlargement of press box; and other stadium repairs.
15. Blacktop overlay put on all parking areas and streets on campus.
16. Sewer system made adequate for all buildings.
17. Demolition of White House and Choctaw Hall, both being beyond repair.

The provision of an adequate physical plant is only one of the responsibilities of the Board of Trustees and the president. Increasing enrollments (from 255 college students in 1956 to 2125 on and off campus in 1974) made it necessary to supply an ever increasing number of instructors and a larger staff to provide the services needed. It was a very difficult problem to employ properly qualified instructors as most secondary teachers of the time could command and get salaries higher than most junior colleges could pay. Each year after 1956, President



Branch, with the unanimous approval of the Board of Trustees, raised the salaries of the faculty as much as the budget could bear. One of his dreams for the school was to be able to pay salaries which were commensurate with the training and experience of the members of the faculty. Not until 1975 did this dream come true in part. Now salaries for men and women teachers of like qualifications and experience are the same, and they compare very favorably with salaries at other junior colleges.

In 1956, Holmes Junior College and Agricultural High School had an administrative staff of seven, all of whom taught part time except the president and the dean of women, twenty-three instructors, and twelve staff members, totaling forty-two persons.

In 1975, Holmes Junior College (the high school was discontinued in 1966) has fifteen administrators; thirty-eight academic instructors; eighteen vocational-technical instructors; and twenty-five non-instructional staff members, totaling ninety-six persons. In addition, there are off campus one vocational director and twenty-four vocational teachers. In all, 121 persons are required for the running of the college.

The greatest concern of a college president is that of providing courses of study to meet the needs of the people of the area. In 1956, the academic curricula offered at Holmes Junior College were: Agriculture; Liberal Arts; Music (Piano, Voice and Instrumental); Course leading to B. S. Degree in mathematics and the various sciences; Pre-Law; Pre-Engineering; Pre-Medical, Pre-Dental, and Technician; Elementary Education; Industrial Education; Physical Education; Home Economics; and two nine-month business courses. The only vocational courses were auto mechanics, radio, and television and F. M.

By 1975, the academic offerings had grown from seventeen to thirty curricula, with 157 subjects being taught. The new curricula added were Forestry; Chemistry; Biological Science; Pre-Pharmacy; Pre-Veterinary; Pre-Engineering Technology; Physical Therapy; Architecture; Computer Science; Criminal Justice; Social Work; Journalism; and Art Education. The Army ROTC program was added, and ETV courses were made available.

Holmes Junior College had offered some vocational courses every year since 1925. However, as Mississippi began to change from a purely agricultural state with the coming of industry, new fields of endeavor opened up; and new areas of study and training had to be supplied to meet the needs of the young people and the adults of the community. In 1959, the college offered the vocational courses of Cosmetology, Radio, and Television and F. M. In 1961, a course in Drafting Technology was initiated. In 1966, the Vocational-Technical Center was completed, with additions in 1970 and 1975. Since 1966, the vocational program has offered Auto Mechanics, Cosmetology, Electronic Servicing, Machine Shop, Practical Nurse Education, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning, Welding, and in 1975 added Auto Body Repair. In 1966, the technical program in-



cluded Secretarial, Drafting and Design Technology (formerly Drafting Technology), Building and Construction Technology, and in 1967 added Data Processing, when the Business Building was completed. The Vocational-Technical and the Business Building have combined floor space of 79,381 square feet and the replacement value of the two buildings is estimated to be \$2,381,430. The acquisition value of equipment in these two buildings was \$746,095, and the cost of the equipment has more than doubled, making its present value \$1,492,190.

In addition to on-campus programs, Holmes Junior College operates a center in Grenada in cooperation with the University of Mississippi, which offers at night any of the freshman and sophomore level classes for which there is sufficient demand; the MDTA Center at Kosciusko; Licensed Practical Nurse programs in Kosciusko, Winona, Canton, Grenada, and Yazoo City; Nurse Aide courses in Yazoo City, Lexington, and Grenada; Emergency Medical Technician courses in Winona, Kilmichael, Canton, Kosciusko, and Grenada. Classes for industry are offered on campus or off campus, and vocational and academic courses are offered on campus if there is sufficient demand.

Students at Holmes Junior College have, in addition to mental and manual development, fine opportunities for moral and cultural enrichment. Qualities of leadership and of civic responsibility are evidenced in all campus activities. The Choir (Concert Choir, Coachmen, Quartette, and Sextette), the Band (Marching Band, Jazz Band, Concert Band, Color Guard, Flag Corp and Rifle Corp), **Horizons** (the yearbook), **The Growl** (college newspaper), the Student Government Association, the Women's Judicial Council, the Collegiate Civitan Club, the Dramatics Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Phi Beta Lambda, the Debating Club, the Lottie Peebles Home Economics Club, the Cosmetology Club, the Chess Club, the Christian Council, Baptist Student Union, Wesley Foundation, the Newman Club, the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, and the various activities of the Athletics Department offer, one or another, opportunities for personal involvement and development to every student on the campus.

### **Athletics**

Holmes Junior College has had an outstanding record of athletic achievement from its beginning. In no athletic conference is competition more keen, nor the athletic fans more avid and loyal. During the time the Branch brothers, Ras and Frank, coached at Holmes, the Illinois Central Railroad ran special trains to Wesson for students and fans when Holmes played Copiah-Lincoln there and likewise from Wesson to Goodman when Copiah-Lincoln played at Holmes. The treks to and fro of the pink elephant when Hinds and Holmes were arch rivals and the parading of the big plantation bell when Holmes and Mississippi Delta played engendered school spirit so intense that the procedures had to be stopped.



Records for a few of the Holmes athletic teams are not on file at the college, but from the yearbooks, from the files of **The Growl**, the school newspaper, and from trophies in the trophy case, the following resume of Holmes athletic accomplishments has been assembled:

### **Football**

Holmes teams have won three state championships and one co-championship: 1935-36, Ras Branch, Coach; 1936-37, Ras and Frank Branch, Coaches; 1945-46, (co-champions), Frank Branch, Coach; 1950-51, J. W. Patrick and Bobby Oswalt, Coaches. Five teams have won second place in the state: 1929-30, 1930-31, 1933-34, Ras Branch, Coach; 1937-38, Ras and Frank Branch, Coaches; and 1939-40, Lloyd Thomas and Frank Branch, Coaches. Twice teams have placed third in the state: 1940-41, Randy Campbell, Coach; and 1959-60, Billy Mustin and Aubrey Rozell, Coaches.

Holmes football teams have played in five bowl games. In 1945, after a tie with Hinds Junior College 6-6 in regular season, Coach Frank Branch's co-champions and Hinds participated in the Lions Bowl Game in Laurel, Mississippi, the first junior college bowl game to be played in the United States, the game ending in a 0-0 tie. In 1946, Coach Branch's team played in the Toy and Doll Bowl game in Hattiesburg, winning 6-0 over Copiah-Lincoln. In 1950-51, the champions coached by Coaches J. W. Patrick and Bobby Oswalt played in the sixth Lions Bowl Game in Laurel, winning over East Mississippi Junior College 46-20. This team also played in the Memorial Bowl Game in Jackson and in the Gulf Bowl in Corpus Christi, Texas, the only college team in the United States ever to play three bowl games within thirteen days. Frank Horn, a guard for Holmes, was the only Mississippi Junior College Conference player to make All-America Junior College First Team; Joe Silverii, halfback made All-America Junior College Second Team; Laurin Pepper, fullback, Gerald Pace, tackle, and Eddie Osborn, quarterback, made All-American Honorable Mention.

### **Boys' Basketball**

Holmes teams have won five championships, placed second in state four times, and third in state twice. State championships were in 1929-30, 1933-34, 1935-36, Ras Branch, Coach; 1951-52, Frank Branch, Coach; 1955-56, Gordon Carr, Coach. Teams placed second in 1936-37, 1937-38, Ras Branch, Coach; 1948-49, 1952-53, Frank Branch, Coach. Teams have placed third in 1947-48, Frank Branch, Coach; 1974-75, Bennie Kimble, Coach. After North and South divisions were made, Holmes has placed second in North twice; 1963-64, Jamie Howell, Coach; 1974-75, Bennie Kimble, Coach.

### **Girls Basketball**

Girls' teams have won two state championships; 1936-37 and 1940-41, Frank Branch, Coach. Six times they have been second in state: 1933-34, R. W. Almond, Coach; 1937-38, 1945-46, 1950-51, 1951-52, Frank Branch,



Coach (1951-52 team went undefeated in regular season and lost in finals in state tournament by one point); 1972-73, W. A. Miles, Coach.

### **Baseball**

Holmes has won six state championships: 1929-30, 1931-32, 1937-38, 1938-39, Ras Branch, Coach; 1939-40, Lloyd Thomas, Coach; 1950-51, Oliver Poole, Coach.

### **Track**

In track Holmes has won three state championships; placed second five times; third, three times; and fourth twice. Championships were in 1968-69, Robert McGraw, Coach; 1972-73 (undefeated) and 1974-75, Tommy Davis and Ode Burrell, Coaches. Third places were won in 1936-37, Franch Branch, Coach; 1958-59, Billy Mustin, Coach; 1973-74, Tommy Davis and Ode Burrell, Coaches. Fourth places were won in 1950-51, J. W. Patrick, Coach and 1954-55, Billy Mustin, Coach.

### **Tennis**

There have been five state championships in tennis: 1935-36 (Boys' doubles); 1937-38, (Girls' Doubles); 1938-39 (Boys' Doubles and Girls' Doubles); 1939-40 (Girls' Doubles), Stanley F. Allen, Coach. Six second places were in 1938-39 (Girls' Singles); 1939-40 (Girls' Singles), Stanley F. Allen, Coach; 1946-47 (Boys' Singles); 1947-48 (Boys' Singles and Girls' Singles), E. W. Wilson, Coach; 1966-67, Robert Garrison, Coach; 1970-71, Bennie Kimble, Coach. The two third places were in 1948-49 (Boys' Singles and Girls' Singles), E. W. Wilson, Coach.

In the last twenty years, the calibre of the men leading Holmes athletic programs is evidenced by the fact that eight coaches have been employed by senior colleges and universities; J. W. Patrick and Bobby Oswalt (football) by Louisiana College; J. W. Patrick later by Memphis State University; Horace McCool and Aubrey Rozelle (football) by Delta State University; James Murrell (basketball) by Delta State University; Billy Mustin (football) by University of Mississippi; Robert McGraw and Albert Hill (football) Delta State University.

### **Library**

The new library will be completed in mid-1976 and ready for use. In the history of the school, there have been only three librarians. For twenty-five years, Mrs. Billie Montague (B. S., English-George Peabody College and B. L. S.— George Peabody Library School) was librarian; Mrs. Van Dorsett (B. A., M. L. S., University of Mississippi) for fifteen years; and Mr. John Caudill (B. A., Berea College and M. Ed., University of Mississippi), present librarian. In 1928, the library had 1301 books and periodicals; in 1975, there are 33,127 books in addition to innumerable papers and periodicals. The new library includes a Mississippi Room, which is furnished and equipped in memory of George Franklin Mitchell, who was a trustee of Holmes Junior College from 1956 until 1964.



Since 1956, the college has lost five trustees by death.

On April 3, 1956, Mr. Ras M. Branch, a member of the board since 1950, a teacher and coach from 1929-39, and president of Holmes Junior College from 1940-49, suffered a fatal heart attack at his home in Goodman, Mississippi. Connected with the college since he graduated from Mississippi College except one year, Mr. Branch was ever interested in its growth and progress and had worked in every way possible for its betterment.

On February 3, 1957, Mr. Burwell W. Humphrey of Ebenezer, Mississippi, who had been on the board for twenty-two years, died. A public-spirited citizen with sound business judgment, he had served the college with rare leadership through some of its most perilous years.

On March 19, 1964, Mr. George Franklin Mitchell, a trustee from Goodman, Mississippi, passed away. A life-long resident of Goodman, Mr. Mitchell took a vital interest in all that concerned his home town and the college. Always civic-minded and progressive, he served as chairman of the Home Town Development Program and sponsored many projects that were of great benefit to both the town and also to the college.

On April 5, 1967, Mr. Ralph L. Ray, a trustee from Tchula, Mississippi, died. Mr. Ray had a sincere interest in youth of the area and great concern for the progress of the school. His fifteen years as trustee were marked with the spirit of cooperation and dedicated service.

On November 22, 1974, Mr. G. H. McMorrough died. Born on August 25, 1875, in Holmes County, where he was reared and spent his ninety-nine years of productive life, Mr. McMorrough was an eminent lawyer, banker, and citizen who worked diligently for the betterment of the county and state. For fifty-eight years, first as attorney for the board of trustees and then from 1938 until 1971 as president of the board, Mr. McMorrough proved himself a man of wisdom, foresight, and dedication to the progress of Holmes Junior College.

Holmes Junior College has grown and developed into the fine institution it now is not only because of the vision, wisdom, and diligence of the Boards of Trustees and its five presidents but also because of the constancy and stability of a dedicated faculty and staff.

Before 1956 there were no retirements in the college personnel. Since 1956 the following faculty and staff have retired, most with long years of service to the college as indicated:

Name	Years At Holmes Junior College	
Mrs. Billie Montague	1931-56	25
Miss Jessie Van Osdel	1928-58	30
Mr. Billie Montague	1930-58	28
Mr. G. J. Everett	1931-58	27



Mrs. G. J. Everett	1931-58	27
Mr. B. A. McBride	1943-59	16
Miss Lottie Peebles	1929-59	30
Mrs. Martha Tye McKie	1940-65	25
Mrs. Allein Douglas	1948-65	17
Mr. L. W. Owens	1957-65	8
Dr. H. M. Terry	1942-65	23
Mr. R. W. Almond	1931-68	37
Mrs. R. W. Almond	1931-36	
	1942-46	
	1943-50	
	1965-68	13
Miss Emma Bostwick	1959-69	10
Mrs. Alva S. Jacob	1950-69	19
Mrs. Pattie E. Lorange	1945-69	24
Mr. James T. Miley	1956-70	14
Mr. C. F. Moore	1947-70	23
Mrs. Edwina Mallory	1964-70	6
Mrs. Urlyne D. Davis	1966-71	5
Mrs. Mabel N. Dorsett	1957-72	15
Mrs. B. A. McBride	1952-72	20
Mrs. W. G. Daniel	1963-72	9
Mr. Dennis McBride	1968-72	4
Mr. Hilary O. Thomas	1946-73	27
Mr. Noel Dickerson	1966-73	7
Mrs. Franch B. Branch	1941-43	
	1945-73	30
Mr. Brantley Sulton	1963-73	9½
Mr. Francis Cowsert	1965-75	10
Mrs. W. Y. Sudduth	1958-75	17
Mr. Walter Jones	1966-75	9
Mrs. B. F. Lemon	1946-76	30
Mrs. J. H. Browning	1945-76	31
Mr. William Y. Sudduth	1958-76	18
Mr. Boyd Moss	1966-76	10
Mrs. Arville W. Terry	1966-76	10
Mr. Franch B. Branch	1936-43	
	1945-76	38

In addition to those whose services Holmes Junior College has lost by retirement, there are those whose dedicated services were cut short by death:

Dr. W. O. Mabry, College Physician	1931-34	3
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## REFLECTIONS

Now that I have come to the end of the task which I considered myself at first burdened with and which I now deem myself privileged to have done— the writing of a story of Holmes Junior College— I find, and I hope you will too, that it is not only the story of a school but also the story of the thinking of men, who have, in their separate ways, met the challenges of the times and have contributed greatly in meeting the educational needs of a growing institution and the area which it serves.

These men— the presidents, the trustees, the county boards of supervisors, and in later years the senators and representatives in our state legislature— have been men of vision, integrity, and deep concern for educational progress. To them, Holmes Junior College owes its existence; to them, present students, past students, and students who shall come in the future owe gratitude for their providing the high quality of academic and vocational-technical training existent here.

Great credit for the excellent instructional, moral, cultural, and social development of students must go to the dedicated faculty members who, along with the administrators, selflessly sought to guide the young people who have come to Holmes Junior College in growing into responsible, useful citizens.

For thirty years, I have known personally four of the five presidents of Holmes Junior College— all men of strong Christian faith— all men imbued with the desire for better education for youth— all men who tried to teach by example as well as by precept— all men with the vision of a better Holmes Junior College.

It has been my privilege to be on the faculty of the last three presidents and to be the wife of the fifth one.

My years as teacher of English and Modern Languages, as sponsor of **Horizons**, and as Registrar afford me many treasured memories.

May Holmes Junior College never cease to grow!

Lennie Barnett Branch  
(Mrs. Frank B. Branch, Sr.)

P. S.: I beg forgiveness for any omissions or errors I have made. I assure you that they are of the head, not the heart.



# HOLMES JUNIOR COLLEGE

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1975-76

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		1964-
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		1975-
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William Dean	Holmes	1974-
Malcolm Bennett, Sr.	Carroll	1956-
W. Godfrey Campbell	Carroll	1960-
John Clark Love, Sr.	Attala	1956-
J. C. Foster	Attala	1972-
M. F. Surles	Montgomery	1972-
Charles C. Perry	Grenada	1959-
Carl Cooper	Grenada	1960-
J. B. Carlisle	Choctaw	1959-
W. M. Perrigin	Choctaw	1959-
		Jan., 1976
M. C. Mansell	Madison	1961-
F. E. Lucius	Webster	1963-
		Jan., 1976
J. Y. Reed	Webster	1963-
D. P. McGowan, Jr.	Yazoo	1964-
J. A. Peyton	Yazoo	1972-
Freddie Joe King	Choctaw	Jan., 1976-
Carl A. Ray	Webster	Jan., 1976-



# Faculty and Staff 1975-76

## ADMINISTRATION

Frank B. Branch	President
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Miss Eugenia Collins	Assistant Librarian
Ted Weatherly	Media Specialist

## ACADEMIC FACULTY

Joe A. Adams	Industrial Education
Joe Bill Adams	Voice
James H. Arnold, Jr.	Zoology
Luther T. Boggan	Mathematics
Mrs. Ras M. Branch	Business
Sam P. Brown	History
Mrs. William H. Bunch, Jr.	English
David H. Burns	Microbiology and Botany
Ode Burrell	Asst. Football Coach and PE
Howard R. Butler	History
Miss Christine Carithers	Home Economics
Thomas T. Chisholm	French and Organ
Mrs. Evelyn Clark	Speech
O. A. Cleveland	Agriculture
Miss Christine Covington	Accounting and Business Law
Woodson Earle	Mathematics
Miss Reba Gill	English
Mrs. Frank Gowan	Business



Mrs. Christopher Haley	English
William H. Henson	Psychology
Charles C. Holbrook	Economics
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Mrs. Bennie E. Kimble	Mathematics
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LTC. William Taylor	Military Science
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Mrs. Nancy Gray	LPN Instructor



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Mrs. Ellen Oakes	LPN Instructor
Mrs. Helen Peters	LPN Instructor
Mrs. Barbara Pritchard	LPN Instructor

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Dr. J. W. Allen, College Physician	1935-42	7
Mrs. Bernice DeLoach Rodgers, Dietitian	1938-53	15
Mr. C. W. Lorange, President	1941-43 1945-55	12
Mr. Russell B. McKibben, Teacher of Mathematics	1963-72	9
Mr. Stanley F. Allen, Business Manager	1937-73	36
Mr. Ernest W. Wilson, Academic Dean	1941-42 1946-75	31½

In July, 1976, forty years will have elapsed since Frank B. Branch came to Holmes Junior College as teacher and coach. The last twenty years of his tenure have been as president of the school, and during that time many changes have been brought about: the college now encompasses a nine-county area and is on a solid financial basis; it has a fine, well-equipped physical plant and land for future expansion; it has a group of competent administrators and a dedicated, well-prepared faculty and staff; its offerings, academic and vocational-technical, are meeting the needs of the area; salaries are good; teachers have adequate housing; and enrollments are increasing as more and more fine young people take advantage of the great opportunities here.

When he retires in 1976, after a life-time of work in the interest of the school, an era will end; and Frank B. Branch can well say, "Holmes Junior College has come into her own."



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(Non-voting member)		
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\*Elected by Board of Trustees January 1, 1971

\*\*Elected by Board of Trustees July 1, 1973



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Mr. Clarence W. Lorange	Feb. 1, 1949-Nov. 29, 1955
Mr. Frank B. Branch	Dec. 9, 1955-June 30, 1976



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Charles Darnell  
Mrs. J. H. Davis  
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C. N. Dickerson  
B. A. Dixon  
Mrs. T. J. Donald  
Mrs. Mabel N. Dorsett  
C. Frank Drake  
Woodson Earle  
D. M. Eason  
Miss Edith Faye Easterling  
J. C. Ellis  
Miss Orlene Ellis  
R. P. Ellis  
John E. Ellzey  
Lloyd Englehardt  
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 Miss Reba Gill  
 M. M. Gordon  
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 Mrs. Frank Gowan  
 L. C. Graves  
 Miss Lucille Gray  
 William W. Griffin  
 Frank Gwin  
 Christopher Haley  
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 L. F. Heard, Jr.  
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 Robert Lake  
 Robert Landrum  
 SGM. Phillip Larson  
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Miss Ethel Mabry  
Glenn Martin  
Robert J. Martin  
R. C. Mason  
Mrs. B. Hoover Maxwell  
John C. Maxwell  
Tom B. Maxwell  
James E. Mays  
J. A. Merritt  
W. A. Miles  
James T. Miley  
John P. Mitchell  
Mrs. John P. Mitchell  
Miss Lady Mockbee  
Billy Montague  
Mrs. Billie Montague  
Miss Maude Montague  
C. F. Moore  
Quinby Morgan  
John E. Morris  
Howard W. Morton  
Boyd Moss  
James O. Murrell  
R. W. Mustin  
Miss Joann Neal  
I. C. New  
Mrs. I. C. New  
Richard Newton  
Mrs. Ellen Oakes  
Robert D. O'Conner  
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B. J. Oswalt  
Miss Emily Overton  
Miss Annie Florence Owen  
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L. W. Owens  
Mrs. Jean Barton Parker  
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W. G. Skipworth  
Miss Clemer Slaton  
Miss Peggy Slaughter  
The Reverend Stanley F. Smathers  
Hugh Carroll Smith  
William H. Spell  
Miss Madge Spiva  
Edward Steed  
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Thomas E. Suggs  
Billy Pat Sullivan  
Mrs. Margaret Sullivan  
William Sumrall, III  
Miss Santa Tackett  
Miss Wyness Tate  
Mrs. Nannie E. Tatum  
Harold Wayne Taylor  
Mrs. Myrna Taylor  
LTC. William Taylor  
Mrs. Homer Terry  
Thomas Phil Terry  
Miss Edith Thaxton  
Miss Dorothy Thomas  
Hilary O. Thomas  
Mrs. Hilary O. Thomas  
Lloyd Thomas  
Donald R. Thompson  
William S. Thompson  
Murray Reid Thorne  
Evan W. Thweatt  
Albert Tidwell  
Clinton Tompkins  
Miss Martha Turner  
Walter L. Upchurch  
Vardaman Vance

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Glenn L. Vernon  
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Ralph V. Wahl  
Thomas A. Wasson  
Miss Annie Bess Watkins  
E. W. Waugh, Jr.  
Ted Weatherly  
John Weems  
Miss Emmie Lou Wells  
Miss Fleta Whitaker  
Kenneth Whitam  
John C. White  
Danny O'Da Williams  
James Williams  
Mrs. James G. Williams  
Neil Williams  
Miss Johnnie L. Williamson  
James R. Willis, Jr.  
Ernest W. Wilson  
James M. Witchen  
Michael Womack  
Miss Nan Lee Wood  
David W. Young



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Mrs. Joe A. Adams	Mrs. Catherine Hoffa
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Mrs. M. R. Thorne  
Mrs. Evan Thweatt  
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# Boards Of Supervisors In Holmes Junior College District 1911 - 76

## Holmes County Board of Supervisors

R. C. Lipsey	1908-1916
D. J. Crawford	1908-1916
R. R. Ellison	1908-1916
J. T. Parkinson	1908-1916
E. L. Hines	1908-1916
D. H. Hobbs	1916-1920
H. C. McLellan	1916-1920
P. H. Zeigler	1916-1920
J. H. Hargraves	1916-1920
Ira Jones	1916-1920
W. P. Hammett	1920-1924
W. L. Ellis	1920-1924
B. C. Stewart	1920-1924
J. E. Cunningham	1920-1924
V. Rheinhardt	1920-1942
Marvin Stanley	1924-1928
J. W. Stroud	1924-1928
T. J. Brown	1924-1936
Martin L. Smith	1924-1928
	1932-1948
Jesse H. Walton	1928-1940
J. R. Brown	1928-1936
J. H. Rogers	1928-1932
Marion Rogers	1936-1960
Kirk Thomas	1936-1956
Earl H. Fowler	1940-1948
George W. Ellison	1944-1948
C. G. Campbell	1948-1959
Joe Moore	1948-1951
Mrs. Joe Moore	1951-1952
Lonnie Boatwright	1952-1956
Claude Keirn	1952-1956
Roy Brown	1956-1960
W. W. Salley	1956-1964
W. Leslie Smith	1956-1966



Mrs. C. G. Campbell	1959 only
Ray Campbell	1960-1968
Estell Scott	1960-1968
L. C. Johnson	1960-1968
Charles H. Smith	1964-1968
Oscar Rogers	1966-1976
Grady E. Ellis	1968-1975
Mrs. Grady E. Ellis	1975-1976
B. T. Taylor	1968-19
D. C. Conn	1968-19
Leslie I. Farmer	1968-1976
William Doug Green	1976-19
Howard Taft Bailey	1976-19
Anthony McMullen	1976-19

#### **Carroll County Boards of Supervisors**

A. E. Lott	1928-1936
J. H. Williford	1928-1936
J. B. Bruce	1928-1936
E. L. Chambley	1928-1932
James Somerville	1928-1936
Harry P. Mullen	1932-1944
G. J. Lott	1936-1940
J. B. Williams	1936-1940
C. R. Elliot	1936-1940
	1944-1948
	1952-1958
Marion Ely	1936-1948
H. E. Ashmore	1940-1952
S. B. Taylor	1940-1948
J. W. Moses	1940-1944
Ralph Taylor	1944-1948
B. O. Clark	1948-1952
Lonnie E. Galey	1948-1952
Kermit G. Johnson	1948-1952
Weldon Baskin	1948-1952
E. E. Alderman	1952-1960
D. C. Lott	1952-1964
B. L. Mann	1952-1960
Willie C. Welch	1956-1972
George W. Galey	1958-19
Claude R. Lott	1960-1976
Percy D. Corder	1964-1976
Cecil L. Herbert, Sr.	1960-19
Vernon Welch	1972-19



James Slocum .....	1976-19
Lloyd Ashmore .....	1976-19

### **Attala County Boards of Supervisors**

E. Watson Frazier .....	1956-1976
A. G. Noah .....	1956-1960
C. D. Oakes .....	1956-1968
W. B. Smith .....	1956-1964
Lee Johnson .....	1956-1976
Horace Hutchison .....	1960-1976
Alvin McCrory .....	1964-19
Robert Ellard .....	1968-19
Earl Sims .....	1976-19
Charles Nowell .....	1976-19
Colen Belk .....	1976-19

### **Montgomery County Boards of Supervisors**

Joe Russell	1958-1960
Dewitt Mitchell	1958-1960
Claude Patridge	1958-1960
Marvin Abel	1958-1972
J. W. Braswell	1958-1976
Marion Williams	1960-1968
Albert Hayward	1960-1974
Clarence Oliver	1960-1972
Grady L. Ellis	1968-1976
John L. Baskin	1972-19
Henry H. Woods	1972-19
Wesley Weed	1974-19
Lenis Pearson	1976-19
Benson Branch	1976-19

### **Grenada County Boards of Supervisors**

Ben Sanders	1959-1964
George R. Williams	1959-19
Robert Burke, Jr.	1959-19
Lewis A. Williams, Jr.	1959-1976
Noel Staten	1959-1976
Frank Gibbs	1964-1976
Don Tartt	1976-19
James P. Tartt	1976-19
Charles Whitfield	1976-19



### **Choctaw County Boards of Supervisors**

Hollis H. Bagwell	1959-1976
Clyde Morgan	1959-1967
J. L. Thompson	1959 only
Edgar Reel	1959-1967
Hudson Orr	1959 only
J. E. Ray	1960-1976
James Stark	1968-1976
G. W. Stephenson	1960-1968
Olen McPherson	1968-19
Q. L. Ray	1968-19
Delayon Jenkins	1976-19
Joe F. Brooks	1976-19
J. L. Long	1976-19

### **Madison County Boards of Supervisors**

A. B. Mansell, Jr.	1961-1976
L. D. Chapman	1961-1964
C. E. Rice	1961-1964
E. D. Mansell	1961-19
L. D. Wallace	1961-1963
J. S. Harris	1963-19
A. E. Crawford	1964-19
P. H. Luckett, Jr.	1964-19
Amos Dowdle	1976-19

### **Webster County Boards of Supervisors**

Pascal Hodges	1963-1968
Herman Clanton	1963-1972
James B. Dean	1963-19
J. Mack Peacock	1963-1972
Wayne Johnson	1963-1976
A. D. Hall, Jr.	1968-19
A. J. Knight	1972-19
J. M. Crowley	1972-19
Womack Henley	1976-19

### **Yazoo County Boards of Supervisors**

A. Norwood Nichols	1964-1972
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Grady Davis	1964-1972
A. S. King	1964-1976
L. N. Phillips	1964-1976
W. S. Hancock	1964-1976
Sam Fisher	1972-19
A. B. Hogue	1972-19
Raiford G. Martin	1976-19
Joe Hood	1976-19
Wayne Wyatt	1976-19



# Boards Of Education In The Holmes Junior College District 1911 - 76

## Holmes County Boards of Education

J. M. Kimbrough	1910-1924
G. H. Love	1910-1920
	1924-1928
R. L. Smith	1910-1924
J. D. Weeks	1910-1914
J. U. Sheehy	1910-1924
Ira Jones	1910-1914
C. A. Pitchford	1914-1921
J. S. Shurlds	1914-1931
J. S. Eggleston	1921-1928
L. W. Parker	1921-1928
	1948-1950
W. R. Ellis	1924-1928
J. T. Parkinson	1924-1928
C. E. Mathers	1928 only
J. H. Johnson	1928-1931
J. L. Hester	1928-1948
P. H. Williams	1928-1932
A. P. Yarborough	1928-1940
C. L. Keirn	1928-1948
L. J. Hand	1931 only
James E. Cunningham	1931-1948
M. S. Rogers	1932-1936
Dr. J. S. Rosamond	1936-1950
Willie Owen	1940-1946
W. Gordon McMullen	1946-1956
Jesse Walton	1948-1954
M. L. Smith	1948-1970
J. S. Eades	1950-1954
A. J. Stevens	1951 only
Andrew Smith	1952-1956
W. B. Kenna	1954-1969
W. R. Clinton	1955 only
Shelby Parker	1954-1959



C. C. Wade	1955-1960
W. Henry McKenzie, Jr.	1956-1973
Homer E. Chisolm	1959-19
J. A. Barrett	1961-1972
Mrs. Arenia C. Mallory	1969-19
Mrs. Matilda Burns	1970-19
Eddie J. Carthan	1973-19
Mrs. Cornelia Montgomery	1976-19

### **Carroll County Boards of Education**

D. B. Turner	1929-1957
L. W. Knight	1929-1935
A. J. Scruggs	1929-1935
I. P. Duke	1929-1935
K. A. Jones	1929-1949
Mrs. L. W. Knight	1935-1949
J. W. Bruce	1935-1949
O. O. Lee	1935-1941
C. L. Bennett	1941-1949
L. L. Smith	1949-1960
Ralph Redditt	1949-19
H. P. Mullen	1949-1965
C. U. Canon	1949-1959
W. C. Miskelly	1958-1968
W. Douglas Moore	1960-1976
J. H. Canon	1960 only
Vernon Welch	1961-1969
E. W. Moore	1965-1970
	1976-19
Jerry Windham	1969-1971
Norris Corley	1970-19
H. S. Hambrick	1970-19
Henry Holland	1972-1976
Grover McDonald	1976-19

### **Attala County Boards of Education**

Hugh S. Potts	1956-1964
J. M. Doude	1956-1958
H. L. Greer	1956-1972
Lamar Gowan	1956-1960
R. G. Blaine	1956-1962
Virgil Grice	1958-1964



E. H. Edwards	1961-1968
Ezra Aldy	1960-1964
Arlis Ellis	1964-1968
J. J. Black	1964-19
Smith Highes	1964-1966
Johnny Poole	1966-1967
Eldridge Burrell	1967-1968
Dewitt Burns	1967-1976
M. E. Burchfield	1968-1974
H. E. Jenkins	1968-1970
David Dodd	1970-1976
Paul Hodges	1971-19
H. L. Ryals	1976-19
Caldwell Bishop	1976-19
Ivey Burton	1975-19

### Montgomery County Boards of Education

Holmes Curtis	1958-1962
Melvin Lee Kirk	1951-1961
Raymond Wilson	1958-1966
	1969-1971
Edwin Ballard	1958-1963
Doyle Bagwell	1958-1961
Mrs. Earl Johnson	1961-1965
W. E. Greenlee	1961-1966
Sidney Branch	1963-1969
Weldon Brister	1963 only
Dr. L. C. Henson	1964-19
Claude Woods	1966-1969
Elmo Branch	1966-19
Maxie Pullen	1967-1971
Kenneth Locke	1969-1972
Taylor Gordon	1971-1976
Ralph Taylor	1972-(8 mos.)
Billy Pyron	1972-1976
J. W. Card	1972-19
Richard Moorman	1976-19
Thomas Wood	1976-19

### Grenada County Boards of Education\*

J. W. Martin	1959-1976
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\*No county department of education since 1966



Mayo Reed	1959-1976
A. B. Fowler	1959-1976
W. B. Hendrix	1959-1976
A. L. Jackson	1959-1976
Harold Biddy	1976-19
Griffis Willis	1976-19
Mrs. Minnie Miley	1976-19
Duane Clar	1976-19
E. L. (Lee) Boteler, III	1976-19

### **Choctaw County Boards of Education**

Ira B. Humphrey	1959-1972
M. C. Cochran	1959 only
J. C. McClain	1959-1964
Gerald C. Howard	1959-1966
Stanley Hamric	1959-1962
J. S. Trussell	1960-1969
Dr. Bill Oakes	1961-1964
Carlton Smith	1964-1969
Leonard Herrington, Jr.	1964-1972
Barney Thomas	1966-1971
Charlie Hunt, Jr.	1969-19
Orville Breland	1969-19
C. H. Henderson	1971-1976
John K. Turnipseed	1971-1976
Prentiss Irving	1973-19
Harold W. Mills	1976-19
Harvey Black	1976-19

### **Madison County Boards of Education**

M. L. Dewees	1961-1970
R. D. Anderson	1961-1964
Dr. C. M. Wells	1961 only
E. W. Hill	1961-1972
M. C. Mansell	1961-1972
Milton Case, Attorney for the Board	1961-19
E. L. Henderson	1962-19
H. H. White	1963-1976
J. L. Prystup	1969 only
Walter W. Wellington	1970-19
Will Beamon	1972-1976
Rosemore Boyd	1973-19



Wallace Townsend .....	1976-19-
Orie S. Branson .....	1976-19

### Webster County Boards of Education

M. L. Gibson .....	1963-1968
Perry Sprayberry .....	1963-1968
John R. Woods .....	1963-1972
B. F. Putman .....	1963-1972
T. M. Bland, Jr. ....	1963-1966
G. M. Stidham .....	1966-19
Cuthrie Hunter .....	1967-19
Albert Latham .....	1967-1972
Jesse Chism .....	1971-19
Robert G. Dorroh .....	1971-19
Robert B. Griffin .....	1971-19

### Yazoo County Boards of Education

H. Y. Swayze .....	1964-1968
R. J. Hatchett .....	1964-1969
E. H. Selby .....	1964-1968
R. D. Hines .....	1964-19
Hugh W. Adams .....	1964-19
Eugene E. Martin .....	1968-19
Arthur S. Nichols .....	1969-19
Joe S. Stoner .....	1969-19



## THE SIXTH PRESIDENT

In February, 1976, when Mr. Branch revealed to the Board of Trustees that he planned to retire on June 30, 1976, a search for a new president was begun. After careful consideration of many fine applicants for the position, the Board voted unanimously on April 17 to elect Mr. Murray Reid Thorne as the sixth president of Holmes Junior College, effective July 1, 1976.

Mr. Thorne graduated from Mississippi State University in 1959 with a B. S. Degree in Industrial Education. He received the Master of Education Degree from Mississippi State University in 1964, and is doing work toward a doctorate.

Employed at Holmes Junior College in 1959, Mr. Thorne has served the institution in many capacities. During the 1959-60 session, he taught Industrial Education; and from 1960 until 1966, he taught Drafting and Design Technology. In 1966, he was made Director of Vocational Education, and as such he developed and supervised a comprehensive Vocational-Technical Education Department at Holmes. Mr. Thorne also supervised the vehicle maintenance shop and organized academic and vocational classes off and on campus.

In 1975, Mr. Thorne was made assistant to the President and head of Continuing Education. With his working knowledge of employment and supervision of personnel in both the academic and vocational programs, with his sound understanding of the financial structure of the college and of the budgeting of its monies, and with his knowledge of the area and its educational needs both vocational and also academic, he has the background necessary for the position.

When Mr. Thorne assumes the presidency July 1, 1976, he will have completed seventeen years of service at Holmes Junior College. He has demonstrated his interest in and his dedication to the institution, and is well known and highly respected in the area which the school serves. The Board of Trustees feel confident that Holmes Junior College will continue to go forward under his able leadership.



## ALUMNI AWARDS

In the fall of 1975, the Holmes Junior College Alumni Association under the leadership of Maxie Bruce, its president, initiated a system of awards.

One award is to go to a former student who has contributed greatly to the advancement of the college or has distinguished himself or herself by some noteworthy achievement. This award shall be known as the Alumnus of the Year Award. The other two awards are to be given to two persons who have made outstanding contributions to Holmes Junior College over a period of years. They shall be known as the Distinguished Service Awards. These honors are to be bestowed on the recipients at the Annual Homecoming Banquet.

### Alumnus of the Year Award

The person chosen to receive the first Alumnus of the Year Award was Mr. Hilary O. Thomas of Vaughan, Mississippi. A graduate of Holmes Junior College and Mississippi State University, Mr. Thomas became Head of the Department of Agriculture in 1946. By 1950, he had earned his Master's Degree from Mississippi State University and from then until 1967 had, along with his teaching duties, served at varying times as high school principal, high school football coach, and Dean of Men. In 1967, he became the Dean of Student Affairs.

His easy wit, his sense of fairness, and his keen insight into human nature endeared him to students and faculty alike, and his influence as a man will live on in those with whom he came in contact.

### Distinguished Service Award

One Distinguished Service Award went to Mr. Frank A. Eakin of Thornton, Mississippi, who was appointed to the Board of Trustees of Holmes Junior College in 1942. Mr. Eakin has served in that capacity for thirty-three years, being on the Board longer than any other trustee now serving. The award was in recognition of his deep concern for the educational opportunities of the young men and women of the Holmes Junior College District, for his dedication to the growth and progress of Holmes Junior College, and for the faithful performance of his duty as a member of the Board of Trustees.

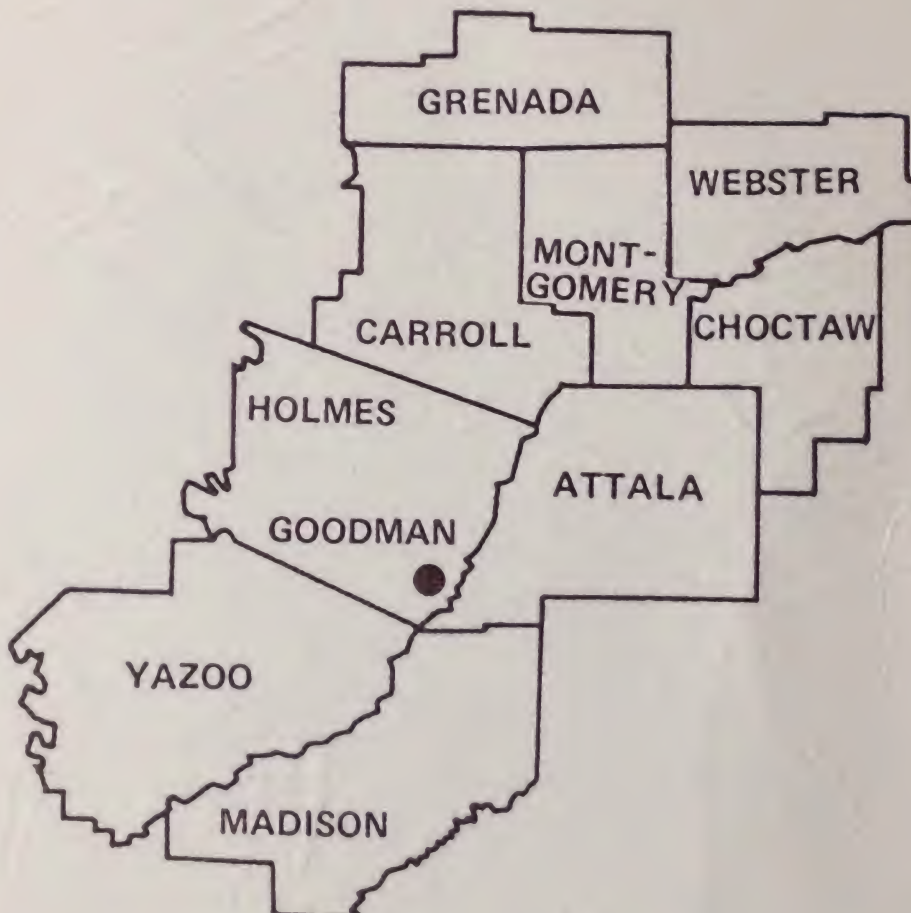
The second Distinguished Service Award was bestowed upon Dr. A. A. Derrick, Jr., of Durant, Mississippi. A native of Goodman, Dr. Derrick has always been a friend of Holmes Junior College. The award was made in recognition of his interest in the progress of the college, for his integrity and skill as a physician and surgeon, and for his dedicated service **without** remuneration to the athletes of Holmes Junior College since 1945.



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